representations in the Sangathan and its Board of Governors were called for but some of the Associations have not replied.

(e) There is no provision for *ad hoc* nominations of employees' representatives in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board of Governors.

Performance of students of Kendriya Vidyalaya

151. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Kendriya Vidyalaya students in Delhi and North-Eastern regions in Xth and XIIth standard examinations conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education has been poor;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of steps proposed to avoid recurrence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The pass percentage of the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi and North Eastern Region is much higher than the overall pass percentage of Central Board of Secondary Education in Class X and XII examinations conducted by CBSE in March-April, 1990-91 as given in the table below:

Class	Pass Percentage in Examination 1991 CBSE		
	Delhi Region	N.E. Region	Overall CBSE
Xth	85.74	85.48	62.80
XIIth	85.50	76.30	68.04

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Panel for the posts of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas

152. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the panel of candidates for the posts of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas prepared in 1988-89 has not yet been operated in full;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an inordinate delay; and

(c) whether it is being operated upon now and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The panel (of direct recruits) prepared in 1988-89 was to be operated during 1989-90 onwards. The panel is prepared with 50 per cent more names than actual vacancies and is put into effect in the subsequent academic sessions after promotional postings and transfers are effected. As the selected candidates have not fully been covered, the panel is still being operated.

Non-availability of foreign exchange to meet the contractual obligations of various Public Sector Undertakings

153. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in Indian Express of the 1st July 1991 and state the names of the Public Undertakings which are having foreign exchange crunch to meet their contractual obligations,

(b) what are the details of items and the quantity proposed to be imported by these Public Undertakings; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for overcoming the financial difficulty in order to meet their contractual obligations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of Undertakings in both Public and Private Sector are having foreign exchange crunch; but the names of Public Undertakings appearing in the news item are Minerals and Metals Trading Corpn. (MMTC), State Trading Corpn. (STC) and Indian Oil Corpn. (IOC).

(b) The items imported under canalisation by each one of the organisations, indicated in the newspaper report, are as follows:—

M.M.T.C.

(i) Fertilisers
(ii) Steel
(iii) Non-ferrous metals
(iv) Raw Asbestos
(v) A. G. Flourspar

S.T.C.

(i) Edible Oils
(ii) Newsprint
(iii) Natural Rubber
(iv) Fatty Acids
(v) Drugs & Chemicals

I.O.C.

Crude & Petroleum products.

Quantities to be imported by the Undertakings will depend on estimated demand, domestic production, inventory and availability of resources from time to time.

(c) As part of the strategy to meet the difficult balance of payments situation, Public Sector Undertakings were advised to review the requirement, draw-down inventories, stagger the placement of orders and take recourse to credit facilities as far as possible. Through this method, the contractual obligations are being restricted to manageable levels and fully met. The matter is continuously reviewed so that the management of balance of payments situation and foreign exchange reserves is coordinated with the contractual obligations from time to time.

With a view to improve the level of foreign exchange reserves the Government proposes to continue in short run, the import compression measures, accelerate the utilisation of already committed external aid and explore additional financing facilities including the use of IMF facilities.

In the medium term, the Government proposes to reduce the trade gap through more vigorous export promotion measures; augment "net invisibles" through increased receipts from services including tourism receipts; and increase capital flows consistent with financial prudence and their productive use. Consistent with our overall economic policies, measures to attract foreign direct investments and to encourage larger capital inflows from non-residents Indians are also proposed to be taken.

Medical bill received by Regional Office of State Bank of Indore at Bhopal

154. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medical bills received by the Regional Office, New Delhi Zonal Office, Bhopal of the State Bank of Indore from the Staff members during March/April, 1991;

(b) what is the number of medical bills sanctioned so far and the number of bills which are pending; and

(c) whether some of these bills have been misplaced also, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.